

leadership will say that that is less than what they asked for the year before. But what the American people do not know is that the Republicans left a loophole that allows for unnamed tax breaks to be inserted later. The chairman of the Budget Committee, JOHN KASICH, has said, and I quote, "We expect a full complement of tax cuts. If there isn't, I will head south."

No wonder the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer.

THE NEED FOR ETHICS AND HONESTY IN GOVERNMENT

(Mr. COX of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COX of California. Mr. Speaker, as Republicans and Democrats in this House we disagree about many things, but we should not disagree for a moment on the need for ethics and honesty in Government.

During the administration of Ronald Reagan I worked in the White House, in the counsel's office, as a senior associate counsel to the President. I was proud of the reputation that that independent office in the White House maintained as a post-Watergate creation to make sure that after Richard Nixon and the Watergate offenses, never again was a President in a position of lacking the kind of independent honest advice that was necessary to make sure that there would not be lawbreaking within the White House itself. That office has maintained its reputation in a dignified way through Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Bush.

Sadly, in this administration the opposite has been true. Most recently the deputy counsel to the President has been named in a criminal indictment as an unindicted co-conspirator. This is not a hard question. Bruce Lindsey must resign. If he refuses to do so, the President himself must demand it. We as Members of Congress interested in honesty and ethics in Government must demand it.

FAMILIES FIRST—THE AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, today the Census Bureau tells us something that the average American already knows, and that is, according to census figures, the income disparity between the richest and the poorest in this country is bigger than ever. Bigger than ever, because we have been living under the Gingrich budget which says we must cut everybody in the middle class so the rich can get even more tax cuts, and we must continue to lift the deficit because guess who loans the

money to the Government? The rich. So they are getting it both ways. It is absolutely amazing.

And what are we supposed to do? What are families supposed to do, normal families? I guess we are back to trickledown. I do not know about you, but the people in my area have been waiting for trickledown for years now, and they have not even gotten damp.

I think we have finally got to take this families first agenda that the Democrats have come up with and go out there and remind people it is the middle class that built this Government, and it is the middle class that is getting tromped on by this Government. Families first is the agenda for the future.

FILEGATE

(Mr. CHRYSLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, would it not be interesting to see President Clinton's secret FBI file?

It would answer a lot of questions most Americans have been wondering about for a long time.

We would see his health records, credit history, FBI background interviews, travel history, high school and college records, anti-Vietnam-war activities, and just about everything else we would want to know about his past.

Will we ever see these records? No.

Why not? Because it would be an invasion of privacy. In other words, it would be against the law.

President Clinton, do not violate the privacy of innocent citizens, if we are not allowed to see these records.

CHINA MFN MEANS DEATH OF AMERICAN JOBS

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Members of this body will soon be asked to vote on most-favored-nation trading status for China.

Mr. Speaker, this softball, this Barbie doll, and this figurine from "Beauty and the Beast," are all manufactured in China with cheap labor, maybe by prison labor, maybe by child labor. Children in China making "Beauty and the Beast" figurines, children in China making Barbie dolls for children in America, 12-year-olds in China making softballs for 12-year-olds in America.

China has run up a huge trade surplus with the United States. By the U.S. Commerce Department's own calculation, that surplus will cost hundreds of thousands of American jobs. This deficit is growing every month and soon will exceed Japan's. The result is the death of American jobs. Hardship for American families, distress in American communities.

Mr. Speaker, China does not play by the rules. Children in China making softballs and Barbie dolls for children in America. Kill MFN.

SUPPORT FAMILIES FIRST, NOT THE GINGRICH BUDGET

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am extremely happy this morning that we finally have the real news that I hope America can attend to, and that is that the rich earn more than all of the middle class. Does anyone realize that there are Americans making \$7,800 a year?

Maybe that will cease and desist all of the talk shows who begin to talk about those who do not want to work and those who do not want to do, and begin to understand what the Democrats are speaking about in not cutting Medicare and Medicaid, what the Democrats are speaking about in offering a new agenda for America, and that is families first, so that we can send our young people to college, so that we can keep the Pell grants, so that we can ensure that the environment is safe, and yes, so that we can increase the minimum wage for those individuals who want to take to the work rolls and not to the deadbeat rolls.

I hope that we will reject the Gingrich budget that does not put families first, and that now for once the truth will be known: The rich are getting richer and the poor, yes, are getting poorer, and the middle class are caught in between. Join us in an effort to make sure that this Congress speaks for families first and not support the Gingrich budget.

REPUBLICAN GIMMICKS HURT AMERICA

(Mr. HILLIARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, the right-wing radical Republicans seem to always take the side of the rich and privileged in America. They act as if they really care about America and working families and the middle class. There is no better case in point than Medicare.

The Republicans are using smoke and mirrors, political double talk, and all the gimmicks from the Nixon-Reagan school of politics. But they still would not be able to fool the American public. They know the American public really knows that the Republicans want to kill Medicare because it is the only way that they can save their Republican friends' tax cuts.

The bottom line is that Democrats want to honor the Medicare contract and the Republicans do not. The Medicare contract should be first.